

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

*Exchange of notes verbales at Madrid February 21 and March 12, 1946,
amending agreement of December 2, 1944*

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The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

No. 1626

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to its Note No. 575 of July 14, 1945 concerning the suggested revision of route definitions set forth in Article I (a) 1. of the Agreement between the United States of America and Spain relating to the Operation of International Air Transport Services.¹

In pursuance of that Note and in view of the desire of Pan American Airways to inaugurate service in the near future over a route from the United States to Lisbon, Barcelona, and Marseilles, the Embassy is desirous of obtaining the early agreement of the Spanish Government to the proposed redefinition of Route 1 to read as follows:

“A route from the United States through Lisbon to Barcelona, proceeding therefrom to Marseilles and possibly points beyond, return being made over the same route.”

At the same time, because of its bearing on the safety of United States commercial airline operations between Portugal and the United Kingdom, the agreement of the Spanish Government is requested to the inclusion of the following paragraph (as proposed also in the Embassy's Note No. 575) as part of Article I (a) 1. and immediately following the revised route descriptions:

“Rights of transit and non-traffic stop are granted United States airlines in the territory of Spain on a route between Portugal and the United Kingdom.”

¹ EAS 432, *ante*, p. 693.

The Embassy has noted with gratification the Ministry's Note Verbale No. 63 (P.E.) of January 15, 1946² conveying the agreement of the Spanish Government to the proposed modification of Route 2, as defined in Article I (a) 1. of the December 2, 1944 Agreement, to cover the projected operations of Transcontinental and Western Air (Trans-World Airlines) into and through Spain.

MADRID, *February 21, 1946*

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

No. 200

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America, and, in reply to the Embassy's Note Verbale No. 1626 of February 21 last, has the honor to inform it that the Spanish Government agrees to the new definition proposed by the American authorities for Route 1, set forth in Article I (a) of the "Agreement between the United States of America and Spain relating to the Operation of International Air Transport Services", to read as follows:

"A route from the United States through Lisbon to Barcelona, proceeding therefrom to Marseilles and possibly points beyond, return being made over the same route",

The Ministry hopes that Pan American Airways will be able to inaugurate service on this route shortly.

With respect to the second request contained in the aforesaid Note Verbale No. 1626, the Spanish Government also agrees, for the purpose of increasing the safety of United States commercial airline operations between Portugal and the United Kingdom, to the inclusion of the following paragraph as a part of Article I (a) 1. and immediately following the revised route descriptions:

"Rights of transit and non-traffic stop are granted United States airlines in the territory of Spain on a route between Portugal and the United Kingdom".

Since at the present time the possible landing fields for non-traffic stops in that area are not prepared to render service, the Ministry requests the Embassy to be good enough to specify the points in Spanish territory at which aircraft of the line under reference might eventually wish to land, in order that the Ministry may inform the Embassy as to their present condition.

MADRID, *March 12, 1946*

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

² TIAS 2131, *ante*, p. 701.